

LE-HI-HO News

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LANCASTER THEOLOGIAN TO ADDRESS LOCAL GROUP ON "THEOLOGY AND HOMOSEXUALITY

Dr. Francis Ringer, Associate Professor Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ, will address the general membership of LE-HI-HO at its January 29 session on the topic, "Theology and Homosexuality".

Dr. Ringer is an authority in the area of human sexuality, having developed his expertise through preparing and presenting workshops and addresses for both clergy and laity at church conferences in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, and through wide reading and participation in a Sexuality Workshop of the University of Minnesota Medical School. Holding five earned academic degrees, he is currently responsible for the area of Christian Social Ethics at Lancaster Theological Seminary, and has also taught English at Drexel, as well as Philosophy, Speech and Theater at Kutztown State College. Active in the American Society of Christian Ethics and the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, he is the author of two books, Church in Travail and Problems in the Search for Christian Unity, plus numerous articles.

Ordained to the ministry in 1950, Dr. Ringer served resident parishes for 23 years in rural New Providence, in turbulent Philadelphia ghettoes, and in Kutztown. In Philadelphia he headed a division of the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches, was a member of its Board of Directors and chaired the Committee on Social Concerns. In Kutztown he was an elected member and President of the School Board. Also an expert in the areas of Evangelism and the Third World, he has traveled frequently in Latin America, and was recently visiting professor for six months at the Biblical Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica.